

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

## **Event Triggering this Release:**

Theodore Manos, 53, was sentenced for possessing child pornography. The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon sentenced Manos to 10 years of imprisonment and a lifetime term of supervised release.

Manos was previously convicted in Cook County, Illinois, in 1999 for Solicitation of a Child. He received two years of probation. On January 2, 2009, agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement executed a search warrant at Manos' residence in Omaha.

Manos admitted to possessing images of child pornography. He indicated an interest in depictions of incest. Forensic analysis of two hard drives removed from Manos' residence contained five videos and 16 images of child pornography. Because Manos possessed one or more images of child pornography after having been convicted of a crime involving the attempted sexual exploitation of a minor, he was subject to a ten-year mandatory minimum sentence.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Name of Defendant: Theodore Manos

AKA:

**Age: 53** 

City of residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession of Child Pornography; Not less than 10 to 20 years of imprisonment, Not less than five years to life supervised release, \$250,000 fine, both such imprisonment and fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** 

**Relevant Dates:** 

Date of Alleged Crime: On and before January 6, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: October 16, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:** 

Indictment Returned Date: September 15, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date**: October 19, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled on February 18, 2010

Sentencing Date: May 14, 2010

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on a personal recognizance bond with supervision, to include electronic monitoring

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: the Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon

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